

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A water-based paint composition, ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of :

- (a) an opacifying agent;
- (b) a viscosity enhancing agent;
- (c) an anionic surfactant comprising a salt derived from morpholine and a long-chain carboxylic acid;
- (d) a polymeric binding agent; and
- (e) a debonding agent active on metal surfaces, wherein the debonding agent is present in an amount from about 21 to about 50% by weight based on the total weight of the composition , and wherein the debonding agent comprises a vegetable oil.

2. (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 1 further comprising at least one of a preservative, an optical brightener, a plasticizer, a dispersing aid, a coalescing aid, ~~[[and]]~~ or a defoaming agent.

3. (Original) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the opacifying agent comprises titanium dioxide.

4. (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the viscosity enhancing agent is at least one of a soluble nonionic polysaccharide ~~[[and]]~~ or a suspended particle-type viscosity enhancing agent.

5. (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 4, wherein the soluble nonionic polysaccharide is at least one of hydroxyethylcellulose ~~[[and]]~~ or carboxymethylcellulose.

6. (Original) The composition of Claim 4, wherein the suspended particle-type viscosity enhancing agent comprises fumed silica.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the long-chain carboxylic acid is at least one of stearic acid, palmitic acid, ~~[[and]]~~ or myristic acid.
10. (Original) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the polymeric binding agent comprises a latex having a glass transition temperature greater than about 25°C.
11. (Original) The composition of Claim 10, wherein the latex comprises a copolymer of butylacrylate and methyl methacrylate.
12. (Original) The composition of Claim 11, wherein the copolymer has a glass transition temperature of about 32°C.
13. (Original) The composition of Claim 11, wherein the copolymer has a pH from about 8 to about 9.
14. (Canceled)
15. (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the vegetable oil is at least one of soybean oil, corn oil, sunflower oil, castor oil, rapeseed oil, linseed oil, sunflower seed oil, ~~[[and]]~~ or safflower oil.
16. (Original) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the composition exhibits no sediment formation for about at least two months when stored at about 20°C.
17. (Original) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the composition exhibits no phase separation for about at least two months when stored at about 20°C.
18. (Original) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the composition is spreadable at rate of from about 50 to about 300 g/m².
19. (Original) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the opacifying agent is present in the composition in an amount from about 0.5 to about 35 percent by weight based on the total weight of the composition.

20. (Original) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the viscosity enhancing agent is present in the composition in an amount from about 0.5 to about 10 percent by weight based on the total weight of the composition.

21. (Original) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the surfactant is present in the composition in an amount from about 0.5 to about 5 percent by weight based on the total weight of the composition.

22. (Original) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the polymeric binding agent is present in the composition in an amount from about 3 to about 30 percent by weight based on the total weight of the composition.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) A water-based paint composition, ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of :

- (a) an opacifying agent comprising titanium dioxide;
- (b) a viscosity enhancing agent comprising hydroxyethylcellulose;
- (c) a surfactant comprising a salt derived from morpholine and a long-chain carboxylic acid;
- (d) a polymeric binding agent comprising acrylic latex; and
- (e) a debonding agent active on metal surfaces, wherein the debonding agent is present in an amount from about 21 to about 50% by weight based on the total weight of the composition , and wherein the debonding agent comprises soybean oil.

25. (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 24 further comprising a preservative, a dispersing aid, a defoaming agent, ~~[[and]]~~ or a coalescing agent.

26. (Original) The composition of Claim 24, wherein the composition exhibits no sediment formation for about at least two months when stored at about 20°C.

27. (Original) The composition of Claim 24, wherein the composition exhibits no phase separation for about at least two months when stored at about 20°C.

28. (Original) The composition of Claim 24, wherein the composition is spreadable at rate of from about 50 to about 300 g/m².

29-30. (Canceled)

31. (Not entered)

32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently amended) A water-based paint composition, ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

- (a) an opacifying agent comprising titanium dioxide;
- (b) a viscosity enhancing agent comprising hydroxyethylcellulose;
- (c) a surfactant comprising a salt derived from morpholine and a long-chain carboxylic acid;
- (d) a polymeric binding agent comprising acrylic latex; and
- (e) soybean oil, wherein the soybean oil is present in ~~an amount from about 17 to about 50%~~ about 17% by weight based on the total weight of the composition.

34. (New) A water-based paint composition, comprising:

- (a) an opacifying agent;
- (b) a viscosity enhancing agent;
- (c) an anionic surfactant;
- (d) a polymeric binding agent;
- (e) a debonding agent active on metal surfaces; and
- (f) poly(propylene glycol).

35. (New) The composition of Claim 34, wherein the opacifying agent comprises titanium dioxide.

36. (New) The composition of Claim 34, wherein the viscosity enhancing agent is at least one of a soluble nonionic polysaccharide and a suspended particle-type viscosity enhancing agent.

37. (New) The composition of Claim 34, wherein the anionic surfactant comprises a salt derived from morpholine and a long-chain carboxylic acid.

38. (New) The composition of Claim 37, wherein the long-chain carboxylic acid is at least one of stearic acid, palmitic acid, or myristic acid.

39. (New) The composition of Claim 34, wherein the polymeric binding agent comprises a latex having a glass transition temperature greater than about 25°C.

40. (New) The composition of Claim 39, wherein the latex comprises a copolymer of butylacrylate and methyl methacrylate.

41. (New) The composition of Claim 34, wherein the debonding agent is at least one of a vegetable oil or silicone oil.

42. (New) The composition of Claim 41, wherein the vegetable oil is at least one of soybean oil, corn oil, sunflower oil, castor oil, rapeseed oil, linseed oil, sunflower seed oil, or safflower oil.